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Neighbors Having Fun!

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Another Great National Night Out (NNO)

Laura DiCarlo

National Night Out (NNO), where residents in neighborhoods across the nation are asked to turn on their porch lights, lock their doors, and spend the evening outside with their neighbors, police officers, firefighters and EMS paramedics, occurred in Austin on Tuesday, October 2.

Inside this issue are pictures from some of the 26 National Night Out (NNO) parties we had scheduled in Allandale on Greenlawn, SCB, Pegram, Whiteway, 49th½, Fresco, West Terrace, Park View, Skylark, Nasco, Pioneer Place, New

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It's My Park Day November 3

Ranleigh Hirsh

Nov 3 - Get involved in your community with It's My Park Day-Fall

Start a family tradition by joining the fun at It's My Park Day November 3, 2018, between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. This is a great opportunity to help keep our parks looking their best and we appreciate all you do to help.

Allandale has two It's My Park Day events scheduled where you can roll up those sleeves and help out your parks: ligustrum removal at the Shoal Creek Greenbelt and pond clean-up at Beverly S. Sheffield Northwest District. Pitch in on invasive plant removal, litter clean-up, beautification, and general groundskeeping. Online registration is required, no skill sets needed, training provided at the events. Our partner Austin Parks Foun-

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Austin's bond election

Steve Johnson and Kata Carbone

This November 6, Austinites go to the polls for midterms, state and local referenda, six municipal bond propositions totaling $925 million. The largest bond election in our history, it funds everything from libraries, homeless shelters, parks, drainage and flood control, and almost everything in between. Early voting runs from October 22 to November 2.

Austinites can vote for or against each individual bond proposition:

- Proposition A – $250 million for affordable housing
- Proposition B – $128 million for libraries, museums and cultural centers
- Proposition C – $149 million for parks and recreation
- Proposition D – $184 million for flood mitigation, open space, and

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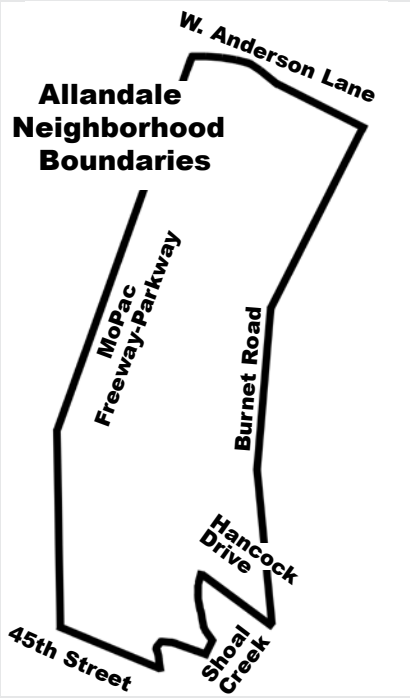

President's Letter: Chase down your passion, like it's the last train of the night

Kevin Smith, ANA President, 512-791-6064, Allandale.neighborhood@gmail.com

As everyone heads back to school, the cooler nights of early fall start offering respite from the summer heat and the fauna changes colors and shapes; I am always struck by the beauty of Austin in the autumn. Along with those cooler nights and beautiful fall blooms, comes the seasons of festivals! Whether it be Austin City Limits Music Festival, the F1 Race, Wurstfest, the Austin Film Festival, the Austin Book Festival, or (my new personal favorite) the Mac and Cheese festival (If you are looking for an awesome list of fun festivals, Do 512 has a good one http://do512family.com/fall-festivals-around-austin/).

We are truly in the season of enjoying what makes Austin special; the ability of every person to experience something they are passionate about! One of the things I am passionate about (besides eating copious amounts of mac and cheese 🙂), is dedicating time to the community. I thought this particular passion was being fulfilled by having served the last couple of years on various neighborhood committees; however, when I was recently honored with the opportunity to become president I was not only humbled, but also surprised to realize that I could fulfill my passion on a new level!!

As I reflect upon the level of passion and dedication shown by not only our board members, but by our like-minded neighbors, I am often reminded that we do indeed live in a special neighborhood. From the epic struggle against CodeNext, to the often thankless hard work that is being done to shape the Grove at Shoal Creek into a development that will provide benefits to all of us; add in the Burnet Road Corridor Plan and the past year was a busy one! With all the passion and ability to compromise that the Allandale Neighborhood Association has shown over the past year (not to mention since 1973 when it was incorporated– check out our Wikipedia page for the full story!), I am truly amazed and humbled to be able to help continue the legacy of our neighborhood.

If there is a passion that you have been looking for an outlet to fulfill, whether it be party planning, web design, gardening, legalese, home brewing (looking at the home brewers to help provide adult refreshments for a fall festival in the park) or just meeting new people and experiencing new things, your neighborhood association has a place for you. We are always looking for ways to not only help better the neighborhood as a whole, but also to allow a neighbor (or two) to follow their own passions. I am hoping to get as many households as possible to join the neighborhood association (thereby showing their community passion) to help continue our neighborhood legacy.

Until the December newsletter, where a Thanksgiving story or two may or not be shared (the wife swears by roasting bags; as a vegetarian I say tofurky feast all the way!) and perhaps the origin of this columns title will be unveiled; until then remember to follow your passion!

Kevin
P.S. The partner is always right!

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Austin's bond election

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water quality protection

- Proposition E – $16 million for health and human services
- Proposition F – $38 million for public safety
- Proposition G – $160 million for transportation infrastructure

If all bond propositions pass, it's estimated your property taxes will increase by two cents per $100 valuation. Funded by general obligation bonds with a six-year lifecycle, that's an increase of $78 per year for a $390,000 home, which is the median for single-family homes in Austin, according to the Austin Board of Realtors.

We urge you to vote "yes" on Proposition C, which is of special significance to our neighborhood because it includes $40 million for aquatics. Since 2015, we reported on the critical state of Austin's public pools, including the pool in Beverly Sheffield Northwest District Park (NW) right here in Allandale.

We invited PARD personnel to our neighborhood meetings to discuss parks and pools, and we urged residents to participate in public input that resulted in Austin's Aquatic Master Plan. We testified at hearings before the parks board, the Parks Aquatics Task Force, the Bond Election Advisory Task Force, and the city council, all of which ultimately led to increased funding for parks and pools.

An important priority of the Aquatic Master Plan is to address pools that are in the greatest danger of failing in the next five years. Of the seven pools that are in the most critical condition, Northwest Pool in Allandale is the only 50-meter (or "Olympic size") municipal pool that serves a large area encompassing several neighborhoods; the other six are smaller neighborhood pools with free admission. Passage of Proposition C increases the likelihood that funds will be available for NW pool should it fail sooner than later.

In addition to the above seven bond propositions, there are four propositions focusing on revisions to the City of Austin's city charter on the November 6th ballot.

- Proposition H – Makes the terms of the city's Planning Commission up
- to two years and allows for the removal of commission members by
- ordinance.
- Proposition I— Corrects numerous spelling grammar and punctuation
- errors in the city charter.
- Proposition J – Requires both a waiting period and voter approval, before future comprehensive revisions to the land development code become effective.
- Proposition K—Calls for an independent, outside audit of the City's finances. This audit, is expected to cost the City of Austin between $1-$5 million.

For more information about the bond election and propositions, see the following:

City bond home page: http://austintexas.gov/2018bond

Bond booklet: http://austintexas.gov/sites/default/files/files/Finance/CFO/2018-Bond/COA_2018Bond_Booklet.pdf

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Allandale Outside: Keyhole Raised Beds and Lawn Care

Faye L Holland

Richard Cowles is an avid Allandale gardener and a math teacher at McCallum for 22 years. He and his family of five have a rainwater collection system in their backyard that holds 3,000 gallons. He said if he was to install tanks again he would get a larger capacity, as a rainfall of only two inches will fill his current system. His tank is still half full despite the heat and having watered his garden and fruit trees. An electric pump supplies two hose bibs and his garden irrigation system.

They are also installing raised keyhole garden beds. This type of gardening system is named because of the shape of the raised bed. It has a wire basket in the middle that holds compostable table scraps, helping to provide moisture and nutrients to the soil. The keyhole has an indentation on the outer edge so the gardener can reach the compost basket and all of the plants easily. The shape also allows nutrients to spread throughout the entire garden. A keyhole gardening concept can be built using only rocks and cinder blocks, but Richard chose to buy a kit. He found the kit when he was researching raised beds to buy with the PALS (Peer Assisted Leadership and Service). This is a program that he has been teaching at McCallum for eight years. PALS is installing garden beds for the McCallum life-skill students. This gardening project is just one of the many volunteer activities that the PALS, 35 juniors and seniors, does during their service elective class. Richard is really looking forward to planting some snap peas in his personal garden in the cooler weather.

Cooler weather would also benefit lawns, which are great to have in high traffic areas, where kids and pets can play. Turf grasses thrive in well aerated, deep, highly organic soil. Unfortunately, most of the soil in our area is very full of clay which is highly compactable, which makes little space for air and water. To amend your soil you can leave mulched grass clippings on the lawn after mowing. Both grass mulching and top dressing with compost will help maintain the microbial life in the soil. The compost cannot cover too much of the grass leaves. Removing leaves and grass takes precious nutrients from the soil. Top dressing the lawn in the spring will reduce the need for high nitrogen fertilizers. Granulated turkey dropping fertilizer, applied when it cools down in the fall and again right before spring comes, helps keep grass healthy. Remember, anything that we add to our lawns will end up in Shoal Creek. Extra nutrients in the creek can feed algal

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blooms that reduce the amount of oxygen in the water and kill fish. So use the least amount of fertilizer possible. Applying corn gluten in early spring can reduce the germination of weeds. Aeration also helps, but using a pitchfork or spikes can add to soil compaction.

The height you mow your grass affects the health of the grass. St. Augustine grass will do best when mowed on a high setting since it thrives in the shade. It needs a lot of the grass blade to photosynthesize. Bermuda grass can be mowed on a shorter height and can get leggy if not mowed often. Our Zoysia seems to do well when mowed at the highest setting, as longer blades help shade roots. It is best to mow often and not trim more than one third of the leaf height.

If you are looking for outdoor options in the neighborhood, join the November 2 It's My Park Day (see front page story), including a work day at Gullett. There is also work to revamp the Gullett butterfly garden on October 20.

Creating a Drought-Resistant Garden in Central Texas, Austin, TX: Republic Print & Mail, 2011

Smith, Leon W., *Plant Your Garden in a Keyhole*, Clifton, TX: Smith Media, 2015 ⌘

BUG OFF! Widow Spiders

Wizzie Brown

There are four species of widow spiders found in Texas, the best known being the black widow. Coloration for widow spiders can vary dramatically, but southern black widows are typically jet black with two reddish-orange triangles on the underside of the abdomen, forming an hourglass shape. The triangles sometimes do not touch each other creating a broken hourglass shape. Males and juveniles are smaller and often show more color, with bright markings on their sides or back.

Females lay eggs in an oval sac which can hold from 25 to over 900 eggs. Depending on temperature and time of year, eggs usually hatch after about 20 days. Spiderlings stay near the egg sac for several days where they consume their brothers and sisters. Survivors throw a thread of silk to the wind and are carried off in a process called "ballooning." They eventually locate a sheltered spot where they build a loosely woven web and remain for the rest of their lives. As time progresses, widows build larger webs to capture larger prey. Males eventually leave their webs to find females for mating. In a natural setting, most females do not eat males after mating.

Widow spiders do not like being in the open. They can often be found outside in protected areas such as rainspouts, shrubbery, firewood piles or unused grills or BBQ pits. It is also possible to find them in garages, cellars, crawl spaces, attics, furniture, or electric or water meter boxes. Widows are shy creatures and often people are bitten when they accidentally disturb a web.

The bite of a black widow sometimes is not noticed, but when it is, it often feels like a pin prick. The bite location will have two red marks surrounded by redness and swelling. The bite reaction is systemic and intense pain usually occurs within one to three hours and continues for up to 48 hours. Other symptoms include tremors, nausea, vomiting, leg cramps, abdominal pain, profuse perspiration and rise in blood pressure. It is also possible for breathing difficulties and

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unconsciousness to occur. If bitten by a black widow, immediately seek medical attention.

When working around the house or in the yard, it is best to wear leather gloves to avoid being bitten by venomous arthropods.

For more information or help with identification, contact Wizzie Brown, Texas AgriLife Extension Service Program Specialist at 512-854-9600. Check out my blog at www.urban-ipm.blogspot.com.

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Allandale Eating - Eddie Bernal and His Eating Quartet

Robert E. Mace, Dining from Daugherty

For whatever reason, since we moved to Austin back in 1991, we've always been just a few blocks away from Shoal Creek, first when we lived in an apartment off Far West, then after we moved into an 1880s shotgun shack near 34th and Guadalupe, then downtown in a hi-rise, and now in Allandale. And for whatever reason, Eddie Bernal and his restaurants also tend to be a short distance from Shoal Creek.

We first stumbled upon Eddie when he opened up a sandwich shop on 34th Street –aptly named 34th Street Cafe– a few blocks from our shotgun shack. After he extended his hours into the evenings, we became regulars, an easy stroll for a good meal down the hill. After Eddie opened up Santa Rita Cantina in 2004, he stole us away from Trudy's Texas Star where the wait for a $6 plate of enchiladas was more than an hour and you left feeling like you had just gotten out of a bad marriage. Now that we're Allandalers, we've also enjoyed Eddie's two other eateries: Blue Star Kitchen + Bar and Gusto Italian Kitchen + Wine Bar.

Eddie is a long-time Allandaler and has been a great supporter of the neighborhood newsletter, the Fourth of July Parade, and the 'hood in general. And although Eddie's restaurants don't often top the list of best places to eat in Austin, sometimes all you need is solidly prepared food that doesn't cost a car payment to enjoy (which is basically the definition of a good neighborhood restaurant).

Santa Rita is our Post-Hyde-Park-Gym-Friday-night comfort food stop for chips and award-winning salsa (free!), margaritas (top shelf with Herradura Silver, Cointreau & House Rocks Mix, $7.50; House Mexican martini, $8.5), Santa Rita Shrimp ($10.50; tortilla-encrusted fried

Gulf Oysters from 34th Street Café

gulf shrimp, with pico de gallo, spicy avocado dipping sauce), and Santa Rita Nachos ($7 small, $9 large). And if we're feeling devilish, we'll come home with a tres leches cake ($6; Mexican vanilla cake soaked with a blend of heavy whipping cream, condensed, & evaporated milks served with whipped cream and strawberry puree). We visit Santa Rita so often on a Friday night after working out that the artificial intelligence in my car sends me an unsolicited phone notification on how long it will take to drive there.

Blue Star is a fun, hip spot for brunch with mimosas ($3; fresh squeezed), Fara coffee ($3 for a cup, $3.50 for a latte), and the usual brunchy suspects plus specials (such as a frittata full of salmon with mixed greens and breakfast bowls that are fast and furiously good). For dinner, there's the Star's comfort cuisine, including maple chicken-fried quail ($14), airline chicken ($15), and classic (gluten-free) meatloaf ($13). The Star also offers salads, dinner bowls, burgers, sandwiches, and pizzas.

Gusto, across the parking lot from Blue Star, also offers a hip and modern interior, in this case with Italian-themed stencil work by local luminary Federico Archuleta. Gusto is Italian, so it has antipasti, salads and soups, pasta, pizza, and mains. On a recent trip, I ordered the sea scallops ($24; seared u10 sea scallops, lemon and asparagus risotto, watercress) and she ordered the scampi ($7; linguini, shrimp, cherry tomatoes, garlic, white wine, butter), both delicious. For dessert, the zeppole ($7; warm ricotta fritters, balsamic macerated strawberries, orange liquor whipped cream) jumped off the menu and quickly into our stomachs.

At 34th Street Café, our go-to dish is the chicken picatta ($19; saffron rice, spinach, mushroom, onion, capers, beurre blanc) which started with rustic bread and dipping oil (free!) and gulf oysters ($11; chicken fried, corn nacho, slaw, chipotle, avocado). We ended our most recent trip, for research purposes, with a bundino ($8; chilled lemon curd, crumble, whip crème, fresh fruit). The little café on 34th has come a long way from its counter service roots catering to the needs of lunching hospital staff. The cur-

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rent scene is sit-down and sophisticated, a nice off-the-beaten-track place to take a new (or long time) friend to catch.

Four restaurants and, for us, four homes in the Shoal Creek watershed, but it all flows to one place of good living and good eating in this place we call home. My car knows what it's texting about.

34th Street Café; 1005 west 34th street; www.34thstreetcafe.com
Santa Rita Cantina; 1206 west 38th street; santaritacantina.com
Blue Star Kitchen + Bar; 4800 Burnet Road; www.bluestarcafeteria.com
Gusto Italian Kitchen + Bar; 4800 Burnet Road; www.gustoitaliankitchen.com

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More Allandale Eating – Quick Bites

Robert E. Mace

The parent company of our neighborhood's Noon Mediterranean (2438 West Anderson Lane) filed for bankruptcy protection in early August. As a consequence, the parent company shut down seven of its restaurants and is looking for a new investor. So far, our Noon is still operating. The sudden expansion of the Ramen Tatsu-Ya empire across town had me worried that the leased spot next to Tacodeli at 7301 Burnet Road might languish and die, but a recent taco run revealed that the space is now under construction. Still no confirmation on what the YaYa's are planning for the location. I forgot to mention last issue that The Goodnight closed at 2700 West Anderson Lane but is expected to reopen downtown at 501 west 6th street. Lakeway-based High 5 will pick up the high-end bowling bar concept at the Anderson Lane location sometime soon.

Eater Austin has thrown love at a few of our restaurants naming épicerie, Noble Sandwich Company, and Pacha as among 30 vital breakfast spots in town; Pacha Organic Café among Austin's fluffiest pancake stacks, and Fonda San Miguel, Tacodeli, and Torchy's as amazing spots to take guest for a taste of Austin.

Kiwami Ramen (2700 west Anderson Lane)

Eating really good food is both a blessing and a curse: a blessing because, yum! Really good food! A curse because anything less is simply less-than-satisfying. Kiwami Ramen, pitched by some as a rebranding of Shabu Hot Pot & Noodle Bar at the same location, reads to me as a whole new restaurant with a focus on ramen (but with Chinese on the side). With Ramen Tatsu Ya –considered by many to be the best ramen in town and perhaps the best in the country–opening a new place around the corner on Burnet, I questioned the wisdom of these folks opening a ramen joint. Furthermore, having had near-Biblical experiences at Ramen Tatsu Ya, I feared that the curse of having had really, really good ramen would result in a poor experience. But I'm surprised and pleased to report that

Kiwami Ramen competes. A bowl of ramen with pork belly ($16) at fast-casual Kiwami is not quite as good as the insurmountable mount of Tatsu Ya, but it's really dang good without the added bonus of waiting out in the cold/heat/rain/sleet for an hour before you eat.

First Watch Daytime Café (2525 West Anderson Lane near Guitar Center)

First Watch is a 30-year-old national chain based in University Park, Florida. As part of its rapid growth, First Watch bought out The Egg & I chain, which had an outpost at this same location before First Watch rebranded it. First Watch refers to the first shift of the day back in nautical times, which makes perfect sense for this breakfast-focused restaurant open from 7:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Although we're not a big fan of national chains, First Watch is bright and cheery, wait staff similarly so, and the food beautifully presented and prepared. Service is sit-down, and you get a carafe of coffee to minimize the early-morning horrifying risk of going Joeless. The eggs benedict with salmon ($13; two poached cage-free eggs atop toasted ciabatta with wild Alaska smoked sockeye salmon, red onion, and vine-ripened tomato with a side of garden greens) was gorgeously plated (one of the few chains where the food looks just as good, if not better, in person than the photo) and delicious. The farmhouse skillet hash ($11; two cage-free eggs atop bacon, avocado, house-roasted onions and tomatoes with cheddar and Monterey jack) was similarly well presented and heartily delicious. Based on the short wait and full tables, First Watch has already become a staple for the neighborhood. I'm hoping they expand the concept to late-evening fare with a place called

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Spicy chicken bánh mì at Le Bleu

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Night Watch inspired by the off-the-hook Russian sci-fi movie of the same name!

Up the Road: Le Bleu (9070 Research Boulevard)

In this country, when we think of Vietnam, we think –for good reason– of the Vietnam War. But before we got involved in that mess, Vietnam was a French colony for about 100 years until the Vietnamese successfully fought for independence in 1954 (the Vietnam War started shortly thereafter). Under French rule, the local cuisine and customs fused with French staples and techniques. For example, a bánh mì is a French-bread sammich stuffed with Vietnamese fillings. Because of this French influence, we have Le Bleu, which must confuse the hell out of folks stopping in for a little escargot.

Le Bleu is the fast-casual brick-and-mortar sister of the trailer Saigon le Vendeur on East 7th Street, considered by many to sling the best bánh mì in town. And I have to say, it's a mighty fine bánh mì with perfectly soft-and-crunchy French bread stuffed with the freshest of ingredients (~$10; toasted French bread, aioli, pickled carrot & daikon, cucumber, jalapeño, cilantro, spicy chicken). Freshness, and the simple beauty of that freshness, carries throughout the menu. As someone who loves bún, Le Bleu serves up the best I've had (~$10; rice vermicelli noodle, mixed greens, sprouts, pickled carrot & daikon, cucumber, herbs, fried onion, toasted cashew, and chili-garlic nước mắm with spicy chicken). We also tried the gỏi xoài (~$7; mango salad: shredded green mango and papaya, Vietnamese herbs, poached shrimp, pork belly, fried shallot, toasted cashew, and crackers). In addition to chicken, Le Bleu serves up options of grilled pork, O.G (Vietnamese cold cuts, pork belly, pate), lamb, tofu & seitan, prawns, and shaken rib-eye (a French method of preparing beef).

As is often the case when trailers transition to storefronts, the menu seems simple, but with food this good, there is no reason to complicate things. Saigon le Vendeur and Le Bleu come from the able hands of Tebi Nguyen who grew up next to a bánh mì shop in Saigon.

To see photos, please visit www.austinwanderlist.com. ⌘

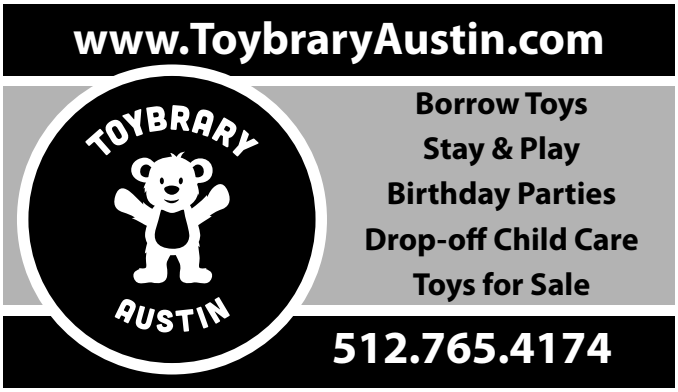
Gullett Good News

Piper Browne

The school year is in full swing at Gullett!

In spite of some rainy weather, we had a wildly successful carnival again this year. The kids and adults had a great time, and we appreciate the support of all our Allandale neighbors.

Recently, Gullett welcomed a visit from author Christine Pakkala. She is the author of four wonderful children's novels about a child named Lola. Ms. Pakkala visited with our second through fifth grade students and conducted writer's workshops with our fourth graders. Julie Cowan, AISD Board of Trustees, visited our campus in September and got to see this wonderful experience in action. An anonymous donor generously donated books to all of our students who qualify for free and reduced lunch. We had enough funds left over that we were able to donate an additional 150 books to our partner school in east Austin. Ms. Pakkala is donating an author visit to that school as well. We are so thankful to Ms. Pakkala and to the anonymous donor for helping



us reach beyond the classroom walls to support our whole community. We are committed to ensuring that all Gullett students become responsive, caring community members.

Upcoming dates to remember:

- October 22: Grandparents' Day lunch
- October 23: Second Annual Charity Kickball Game – Gullett Geckos vs. Davis Dolphins at Murchison Fields 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. Bring a canned good for the Central Texas Food Bank and come support our Geckos!
- October 25: CATCH Night – Gullett's Health & Wellness Fair – reach out to ariana.garcia-benitez@austinisd.org if you are interested in participating or hosting a booth/table
- November 9: Veterans' Day assembly
- November 19-23: Thanksgiving holiday (no school)
- December 21 – January 4: Winter break
- March 18 – March 22: Spring break (a week later than past years!)
- April 19: Student holiday

We are still looking for volunteer cafeteria monitors – contact the school if you're interested! ⌘

All About Lamar

Laura Dooley

The Lamar Scotties are off to a great start to the 2018-2019 school year! There are a record breaking 1200+ students populating the halls this year, which makes for very busy and exciting times. Lamar is a middle school that shines and excels in so many areas, and with more course offerings than ever we can't wait to see what's in store for the year ahead.

Did you know that our students come to Lamar from over 41 elementary schools, including public, private, and charter schools? And that's not to mention kids that are among Austin's newest residents. We're thrilled to be home to such a rich diversity of kids with different backgrounds.

Among the innovations happening on campus this year is the Junior Pals program. Beginning in mid-September, Ms. Mizener and her team of eight graders started meeting with small groups of sixth graders during lunch. These Lunch Bunch gatherings have offered the opportunity for our sixth graders to get to know some older kids, and for those eighth graders to help foster new friendships. Social & Emotional Learning lessons have been incorporated into the meetings, and later this fall, Lunch Bunch for sixth graders will be by request with specific themes around common interests. Thanks for your leadership on this venture, Ms. Mizener!

Our amazing team of counselors have added a new member: Ms. Rotondo. She is the sixth grade counselor, joining Ms. Berrean (seventh) and Ms. Dodd (eighth) . Take a moment to welcome Ms. Rotondo the next time you visit the school and welcome her to the team.

As of this writing, the football team is practicing for their homecoming game against O. Henry middle school. All signs point to a victory for the Scotties! Lamar students had fun dressing up for homecoming spirit week, including twin day, crazy for purple day, Disney day, and sports fanatic day. Our volleyball team is having a great season, showing strength against strong opponents. Keep up the great work on the court, Scotties!

The choir and theater departments had their back-to-school socials, and are busy

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MEDIAN $/SQ FT	$285	$301	$318
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Another Great National Night Out (NNO)

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Haven Court, Cary, Westfield, Pinecrest, Carlisle, McElroy, Daugherty (covering Elise and Albata too), Stardust, Woodview, Shoalwood/Whitehorse Trail, Geraghty, Wilbur (with Cavileer, parts of Cary and White Horse Trail invited), Susie Court. (including Marilyn, Fairlane, Louise, and Sarah Ct.) Orangewood Circle (with SCB), and Whitepine.

Thanks to all our hosts and organizers and our APD DR Officer Everett Beldin.

If there wasn't a party scheduled on your block but you wish there was, please reach out to ANA safety Chair Laura DiCarlo at lhdicarlo@yahoo.com and we can hopefully get one set up next year. ⌘

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 2018

CONTACT LAURA DICARLO TO SIGN UP FOR 2019

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All About Lamar

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making plans for the school-wide musical, Aladdin, Jr. Rehearsals have begun for the musical, which is reaching into new territory this year with several double-cast roles, and four performances January 28-31 at the Austin ISD Performing Arts Center.

The Scottie community is looking forward to their annual all-things-Lamar party, LamarFest! Mark your calendars for Friday, November 2, from 6:00 – 9:00. Lamar will host this family-friendly event that brings out students, teachers, and folks from the neighborhood. Come on out to see all the great things going on at Lamar! This is the only school-wide fundraiser of the year. Wristbands and tickets can be purchased at the door, and in the Lamar cafeteria in the days leading up to the event. Food from some great local vendors including Craig-O's, Jim-Jim's, Torchy's and Cloud 9 Cotton Candy will be available for purchase, along with a few more to-be-determined vendors! Lamar students from the band, guitar, choir, and orchestra programs will entertain the masses. We hope you'll consider walking over to the school and taking in some of the truly amazing talent on display. While tickets are necessary to play the games, the event itself is free of charge

Right away, The Lamar Scottie Band Booster Garage Sale is coming up on Saturday, October 20th from 7 a.m. to noon at the school's tennis courts. This annual multi-family garage sale is the primary fundraiser for the award-winning Lamar Band. We will feature a huge selection of toys, games, furniture, housewares, clothes and more! Your purchases and donations fund instrument purchases, trips, music and more.

If you have things you would like to donate to the sale, we are asking that you hold on to them until the 17th, when we'll start collecting items at the Lamar Middle School Tennis Courts. The drop off times for that Wednesday the 17th, Thursday the 18th and Friday the 19th are 8:00 – 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 – 6:00 p.m. ⌘

LAMAR Middle School

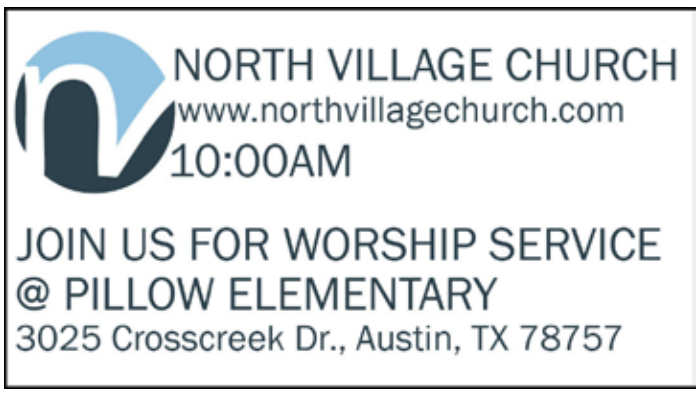
It's Knight Time – McCallum Updates

Kristin Knifton

The fall semester at McCallum High School is off to a great start! Students are hard at work both academically and with extra-curricular activities. The McCallum website lists more than 60 clubs and sports activities that students can participate in – everything from Model UN to juggling club to the reptile club. Being engaged is one of the best ways to ensure high school success, and the dedicated Mac teachers are sponsoring many ways for students to be involved.

The fall sports season is well underway, with football, volleyball, swimming, tennis, and cross-country in gear. Basketball begins in November, so there is no shortage of sports activities to enjoy! Homecoming is scheduled for Thursday, November 1. The game will be against Crockett at House Park.

From the Mac website: "The McCallum swim team is currently recruiting for the 2018-2019 season. We are a varsity



co-ed team that competes in multiple meets from September through February. Practices are at the indoor University of Texas swim center and typically run Monday-Thursday evenings from 8-9:30 p.m. Our swimmers consistently qualify for the regional meet at Texas A&M in both individual and relay events, and our number of UIL 5A State qualifiers continues to grow each year. The team does NOT hold tryouts and welcomes both experienced and novice swimmers that can swim at least one stroke proficiently for 50 yards. Contact Head Coach Jeff Rudy at jrudy@austinisd.org for more information. We'll see you at the pool!"

Mac Theatre just wrapped up an amazing run of Starmites, the fall musical. Next up is Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream, which runs November 8 – 11. As you can see below, there is a full schedule of fine arts activities to enjoy at Mac. To get the latest schedule information, visit the Fine Arts Academy webpage at https://mccallumhs.com/fine-arts-academy/.

If you have a current eighth or ninth grader who would like to apply to the Fine Arts Academy at McCallum, here is some important information from Academy Director Heather Ramsay:

Current eighth and ninth grade students and parents who reside within the AISD boundary, are you interested in applying to the McCallum HS Fine Arts Academy for the 2019-2020 school year? If so, then here is some information for you!

Campus Tour season for prospective students and parents begins on October 2nd. Tour registration is required –first come, first served– Academy prospects only - tour group size is limited! This Academy-specific tour will cover the majority of campus and present you with information about each of our academic strands as well as the fine arts. We will also provide you with some basic application/audition & event information, which can also be found at https://mccallumhs.com/fine-arts-academy/. Questions are welcome. Register at: https://tinyurl.com/MACAcademyCampusTours.

The Fine Arts Academy application window opens on October 8. We encourage you to begin the application process early! Specific details can be found at: https://mccallumhs.com/fine-arts-academy/apply/application-information-and-procedures/. You can also find other events specifically designed for prospects at: https://mccallumhs.com/fine-arts-academy/apply/important-events/. And

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Common questions we get:
How does our spending compare?
How can we pay less in taxes?
Is our college fund on track?
How should we invest our 401k?
Do we have the right insurance?
What about wills and trusts?
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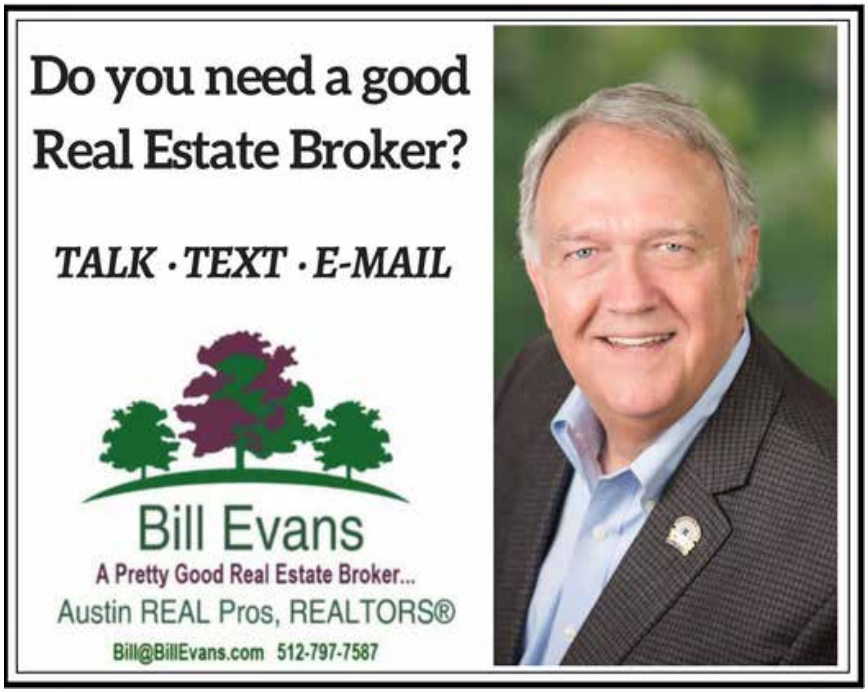

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lastly, to keep up with all things Academy, we invite you to follow the McCallum Fine Arts Academy Facebook group. See you this season!

Did you know? Dance teacher Natalie Uehara (aka Ms. Nat) offers free tap dance classes to Mac students on Saturdays from 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.! The spring musical, 42nd Street, will involve a ton of tapping, so encourage your students who are interested in auditioning to attend these classes. Anyone can audition for these shows, regardless of whether or not they are enrolled in a theatre class.

Are you a Mac alumnus? Be sure to keep up with your class's news and events by visiting https://mccallumhs.com/graduation-beyond/class-reunions/. If you have any interesting alumni news to report, please contact me at kristin78756@yahoo.com. I know that Mac alumni are doing amazing things and I would love to report about them!

Important Dates:

- October 18: football (against Seguin)
- October 21: band drumline to perform in the Hyde Park Fire Station Parade, 3:00 p.m.
- October 26: football (against Reagan)
- October 28: fall dance concert 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.
- November 5: Campus Advisory Council meeting 6:00 p.m. and PTSA meeting 7:00 p.m. in the library
- November 8 – 11: A Midsummer Night's Dream
- November 1: Homecoming football game against Crockett; 7:30 at House Park
- November 6: Fine Arts Academy Showcase 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. (for prospective ninth and tenth graders)
- November 9: football (against Travis)
- November 12–14: fall piano recital
- November 19–23: Thanksgiving holiday
- November 29: Guitar: Battle of the Bands 7:00 p.m.
- December 4: Orchestra Instrumental Ensemble Concert, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
- December 6–9: Choir Cabaret Concert
- December 11: Orchestra winter concert, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
- December 13: Classical Guitar winter concert, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
- December 14: Knights of Steel (drum) concert, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
- December 15: Fine Arts Academy workshop day, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., for prospective students to get help with the application process
- December 17–20: semester exams
- December 21: winter break begins

To get more frequent updates about MAC happenings, you may check the website (mccallumhs.com), the award-winning Mac Journalism online at macshieldonline.com, or follow Mac Journalism on Instagram. ⌘

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More Mac – Dance Concert

Amy Hufford

McCallum Youth Dance Company presents Balancing Act on October 27 and 28

Join the dancers of the McCallum Youth Dance Company in their fall dance concert, Balancing Act. Experience excellence in arts education, with choreography by dance teacher / choreographers Rachel Murray and Natalie Uehara as well as exemplary student choreography chosen for this event.

The concert, showcasing the talents of youth dancers from Austin's only public high school dedicated to the performing and visual arts, runs for two shows, 7:00 p.m. on October 27, and 3:00 p.m. October 28, at the McCallum Arts Center at 5600 Sunshine Drive. Tickets are $7 for students, $10 for seniors and $12 for adults and are available for purchase at the door or online at https://square-up.com/store/MAC-DANCEDREAMS/.

Also save the date for their spring dance concert which will be on March 8 and 9, 2019, and the student-directed benefit show which will be held May 3 and 4, 2019, at the same location. ⌘

Even More Mac – Theater Reminders

Sabrina Wallace

A Midsummer Night's Dream (Nov 8–11, 2018), McCallum Fine Arts Theatre Building

Enter the enchanted land of Shakespeare's A *Midsummer Night's Dream* when MacTheatre takes you on a magical adventure through a lush forest besieged by starry-eyed love triangles and feuding fairy kingdoms, awash with magic at every turn. A story of order and disorder, reality and appearance, and love and marriage. One of Shakespeare's happiest and most beloved comedies, *A Midsummer Night's Dream* is a celebration of love, innocence, and merry meddling that will entertain the entire family.

42nd STREET (Jan 31–Feb 3 and Feb 7–10, 2019), McCallum Arts Center

An American fable of song and dance and one of the most beloved musicals of all time. The show features iconic songs such as *42nd Street, We're In The Money, Lullaby of Broadway, Shuffle Off To Buffalo, Dames*, and *I Only Have Eyes For You*. This is a show like no other, entertainment doesn't get any bigger than this. Peggy Sawyer is fresh off the bus from Nowhere, USA but soon finds herself just another pair of legs in the chorus line of Broadway's newest musical. When the star of the show is injured, Peggy is pushed into the spotlight to save the production. Will she be able to rise to the occasion? Will a new star be born? With an incredible score by Harry Warren and lyrics from Al Dublin, *42nd Street* is a showstopping experience for the entire family and is likely to leave your heart asking for more.

Our Town (May 16-19, 2019), McCallum Fine Arts Theatre Building

In the small town of Grover's Corners, ordinary people lead extraordinary lives. This simple yet profound story of a community, brought to life by Thornton Wilder's singular voice, allows the audience to contemplate life, death, and the meaning of it all. Miracles are the glory of the commonplace and change comes slowly to a small New Hampshire town in the early 20th century. People grow up, get married, live, and die in a hauntingly beautiful meditation on the wonders of daily existence. Wilder's Pulitzer Prize-winning play made its debut in 1938 and was hailed as "one of the finest achievements of the current stage." In this beautiful contemplation of the ties that bind small communities together, audiences of all ages are led to think beyond ordinary moments in life and appreciate their existence through the lenses of time and history.

- Tickets may be purchased in advance at https://mccallum.ludustickets.com/.
- Student tickets are $7; adults are $16, and seniors are $12. Add $2 for tickets purchased at the door, except at the student rate.
- Group rates for groups of 10 or more: receive a 10% discount when purchasing tickets online.
- All shows start at 7:00 p.m. except Sunday shows. Visit www.mactheatre.com for details.

For further information, please contact:

Joshua Denning, director and theatre teacher, McCallum High School & Fine Arts Academy, joshua.denning@austinisd.org. ⌘

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Neighborhood Watch

Laura DiCarlo, ANA Safety Chair, lhdicarlo@yahoo.com

Since the August Neighborhood Watch (NW) article the Allandale Neighborhood Association's Safety Committee has monitored crime statistics and safety issues, dealt with graffiti, submitted 18 NW signs to the city for installation, and hosted 26 National Night Out (NNO) parties.

Crime stats:

There was an aggravated robbery with a weapon September 20 at 5520 Burnet Road (Taco Flats and the Peached Tortilla) in which money was stolen. The managers of those businesses were unaware of the incident and I have a call in to the investigator.

In the month of August there were four burglaries of Residences (BORs). Consumable goods were stolen on Foster Lane (Austin Midtown Apartments); a computer, money, and cell phone were taken on Stoneway; and on Cavileer there were two homes burglarized. In one of the houses on Cavileer, entry was gained through an unlocked back door, a bedroom was ransacked, and a rifle was taken by prying open a gun case. In the second house on Cavileer thieves unscrewed the water hose connected to the house, which the owner thought was a cover to look into windows to see if anyone was home. A burglary on Finley reported on Nextdoor did not appear in krimelabb.com so perhaps a police report was not made.

There were BORs in September on White Rock and Shoal Creek Boulevard (SCB) reported on the list-serv and Nextdoor, but neither appeared in krimelabb.com. A side door was kicked in on a Saturday morning at 10:00 a.m. on White Rock and a hidden key was used on SCB. An alarm notified the police in the White Rock incident, and a housekeeper was home on SCB. Nothing was stolen in either case.

There were six Burglaries of Vehicles (BOVs) in August: at the Austin Midtown Apartments on Foster, the 7800 block of SCB, the apartments on Northcross, at NW Park, and the parking lot near Cabo Bob's. A BOV on Carlisle was also reported on the list-serv– a bag with invoices and a book were taken from an unlocked car and found later on Northpark Drive on the path into the PONY field.

There was a rash of 15 BOVS in the month of September on Woodview, Lawnmont, Northcross, W. North Loop, Turnabout, Whitepine, Pinecrest, SCB, Northpark, Shady Oak, Oakmont, and Northland. In many of the cases doors were unlocked, and items were stolen such as money, credit cards, tools, and cell phones.

Two individuals on bikes with backpacks were caught on video surveillance on Pinecrest, and another (possibly a woman) with a back pack was seen on video on SCB. Neither video was clear enough to give identifying features. Another video from a home off of SCB just south of Foster Lane shows someone trying door handles on two cars and walking away when both were locked. Most break-ins are crimes of opportunity, and had they not been locked the thief probably would have entered the cars.

Please make sure to always lock all of your vehicles and never leave valuables showing. If an incident occurs at your house please report it to the police. All crimes (regardless of whether the door was unlocked or not) must be reported in order for APD to realize the true number of occurrences.

I have asked our APD DR Officer Beldin for directed patrols along SCB, but the police cannot be everywhere all the time. Working together (using security cameras, watching out for suspicious activity such as someone looking into windows and/or trying door handles, making sure we lock cars and homes and hide valuables, calling a neighbor's cell if you see someone at their house, etc.) we can help thwart some of these incidents.

List-serv:

Discussions on the list-serv related to crime and safety since my last article have included:

- Posts were sent about the BOVs and BORs on Cavileer, Finley, and Carlisle and a reply was posted about a BOV on Argentia in which the car was unlocked just like on Carlisle.
- A post was made about the BOVs on Whiteway, White Rock, SCB, Oakmont, Northpark, Pinecrest, and Shady Oak; all in the wee hours of a Saturday morning before it was light and all of the cars targeted were unlocked.
- Someone posted about a dark gray Dodge Charger stopping in front of homes on Yellowpine.

- Another post on Nextdoor relayed that a woman with a back pack was seen going into the woods behind the post office on Northcross.

Correspondence / actions of the Safety Committee:

- Graffiti removal at the PONY field, at 2222 and Burnet
- Purchased and submitted 18 new Neighborhood Watch signs to the COA sign shop for installation on 11 streets after being approved by the city
- Hosted 26 NNO parties in Allandale (see separate article)
- A Richcreek resident emailed me the first day of school concerned about traffic and safety issues with Doss students now attending school at the former Lucy Read; Doss Principal Janna Griffith, then ANA president Scott Ehlers, and APD Officer Everett Beldin were in the loop; resident said things have gotten better but we will ask Officer Beldin to get involved if needed
- Residents on Greenlawn concerned about what sounded like gun shots at NW Park at 3:3 0a.m. on August 12; 911 was called, two officers came and found nothing; Officer Beldin later investigated and found a vehicle was stopped but no arrests were made; Officer Beldin called for directed patrols for the next month
- Odd knocking was heard in the middle of the night on August 12 on a back door of a house a few doors down from the house that was broken into on Stoneway earlier that week
- I reached out to apartment complexes about Neighborhood Watch, and follow up is still needed with the one on Lawnmont
- Officer Beldin set up a speed trailer on Pinecrest for a few days at the end of September because residents were concerned about speeders
- A block captain training took place on September 24

I'd like to end this article by encouraging everyone to use the 311 and APD apps. The 311 app is really helpful in reporting everything from graffiti or a downed tree, to a sign post that needs to be removed. True story– I used the 311 app (with the fabulous feature of being able to upload a photo that then indicates the exact location) to report a sign post stump that had caused my son to fall and fracture his elbow. I reported it using the app and that evening the sign stump was removed! It is a useful tool for reporting graffiti because it is a great way to keep a record of it and for the city to see how many cases we have. The app empowers residents to quickly, accurately and easily make reports.

The APD app has links to station locations, crime prevention information, a way to make a report or submit a crime tip, file a complaint, and more.

By the time the newsletter goes to print there will have been a coffee with the cops from 7:00 – 9:00 a.m. on October 3 at What-a-Burger on Anderson Lane, as well as a block captain training on October 8 and a Baker sector stakeholders meeting on October 9 at Hyde Park Baptist Church.

Please contact me with questions, concerns, or if you are interested in getting involved with the safety committee. You can become a block captain, help remove graffiti, patrol, help plan and run the Take 10 CPR training each February, and more!

Our APD District Representative is:
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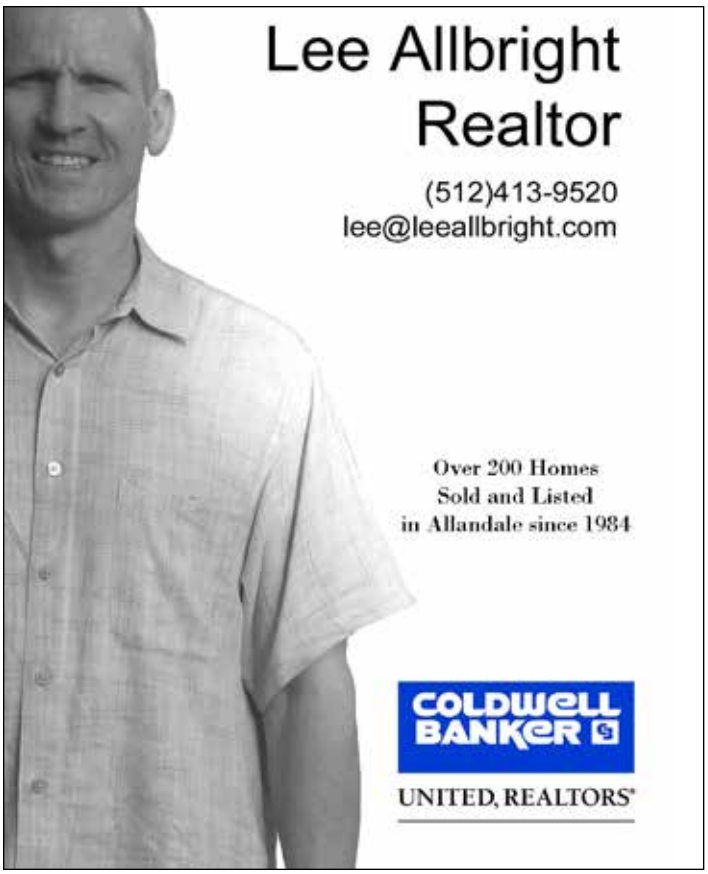

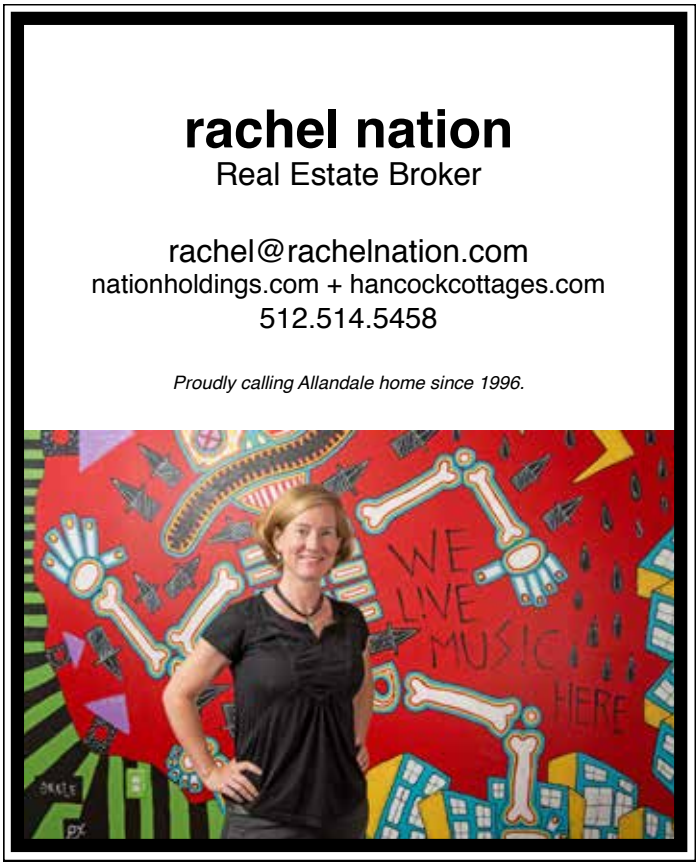

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Atlas 14, why is the flooding going to be worse?

Kevin Smith

Did you know that the floodplain maps are drawn by data supplied from The National Weather Service (NWS)? The NWS has completed a new study, called Atlas 14 (why it is called that the City of Austin could not tell me). The new Atlas 14 data incorporates rainfall data from 1994 up through Hurricane Harvey. This study shows that Central Texas is more likely to experience larger storms more frequently than previously thought. This means that severe flooding is also more likely, and that FEMA (in conjunction with the Texas Water Development Board, Travis and Williamson Counties, and the City of Austin), will issue new floodplain maps that show the increased flood risk.

Previously, according to the NWS, it was believed that in any given year, there was a 1% chance of approximately 10 inches of rain falling in some parts of the Austin area in 24 hours. This was the official definition of the 100-year flood. The newer information shows there is a 1% change of receiving approximately 13 inches of rain in some parts of Austin area (this was previously the 500-Year Flood and is now approximately the new 100-Year Flood) and a 4% chance of getting over 10 inches of rain (this was the previous 100-Year Flood is now approximately the new 25-Year Flood).

Unfortunately, the FEMA map floodplain map revision process moves slowly and FEMA's new flood insurance rate maps (which trigger flood insurance requirements) takes three to four years to update. In the interim, in an effort to help prevent current development from putting future residents at known flood risk, the City of Austin is seeking a code amendment to treat today's 500-Year Flood as it were the 100-Year Flood. That way, when the new floodplains come into effect, no new residents will be put in known flood danger.

If you are concerned about the changes to the floodplain, or would like to learn more information about it, the City of Austin has a couple of options for you to explore. You can visit www.atxfloodpro.com, and select the "I want to button" at the top of the screen. Once there, click on the "Explore Atlas 14 Changes", enter your address and the map will zoom to the property in question. If you have further questions, you can email the city at atlas14@austintexas.gov or call 512-974-2843. ⌘

It's My Park Day November 3

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dation will provide tools, materials, snacks, and t-shirts to proudly wear indicating your support of our parks.

It's volunteers LIKE YOU that help keep Allandale parks looking their best!

Volunteers during our spring It's My Park Day organized by the Friends of Beverly S. Sheffield Northwest District Park contributed, in just four hours of time, almost $4,000 worth of service –a true testament to the strength of the Allandale community.

Watch allandaleneighbor.com and your favorite social media channel for further details. ⌘

Austin Speech Labs: Neighborhood Nonprofit Helping Stroke Survivors

Elle Kemp (World Stroke Day Coordinator)

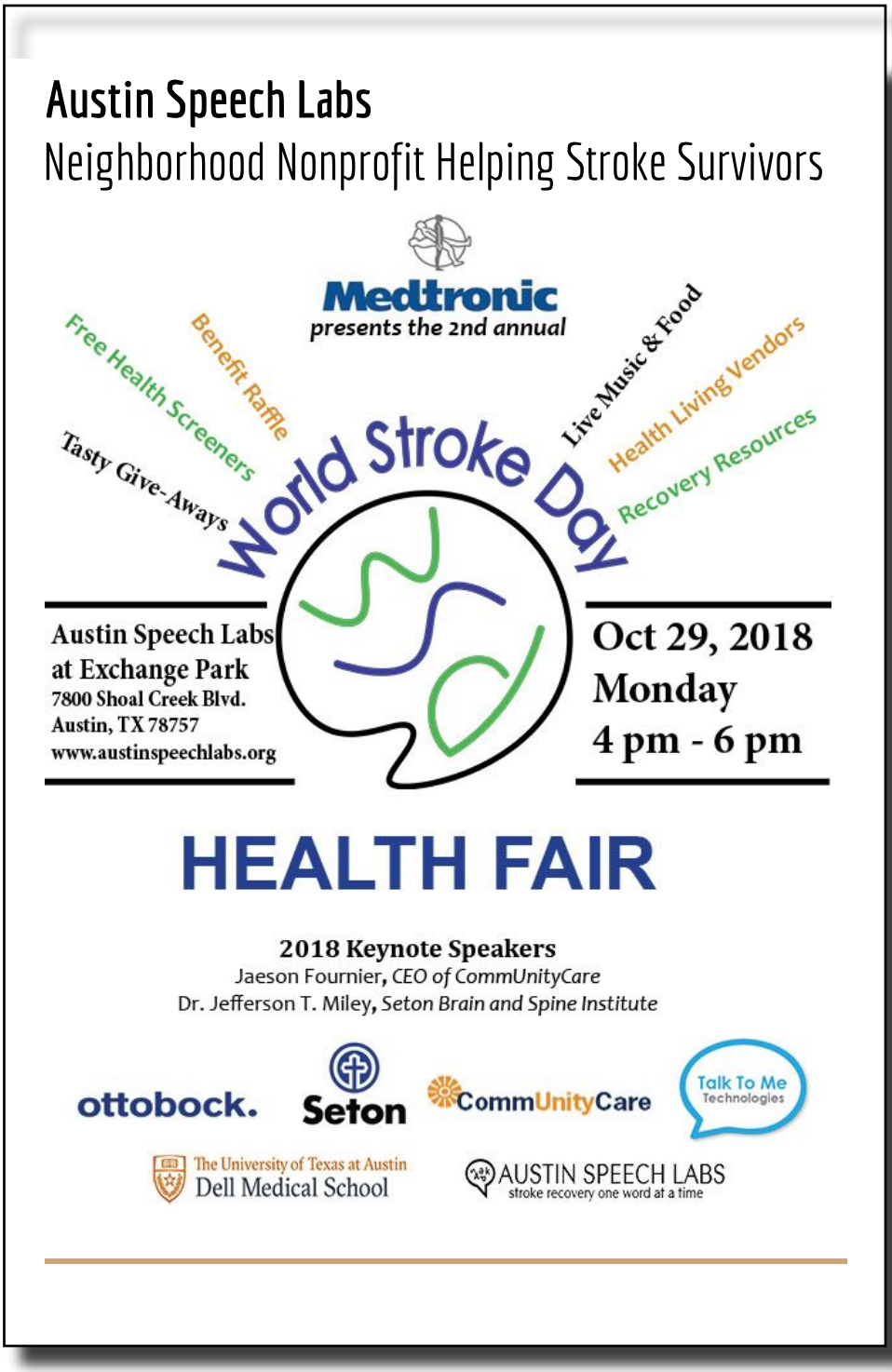
You may have seen a friendly man wearing a neon green jersey riding a trike around the neighborhood. This is Jeff Thomas. In 2016, Jeff, his wife, and their youngest child packed up and said goodbye to their life in Honolulu, Hawaii and relocated to the Allandale neighborhood to attend Austin Speech Labs on Shoal Creek Boulevard.

Six months prior, Jeff, an active and healthy 50-year-old aircraft mechanic, suffered a massive stroke that left him wheelchair bound, unable to communicate, and in need of twenty-four hour care. Jeff's wife, Marcy, was shocked that Jeff's insurance decided he had met his maximum potential and would no longer pay for Jeff's rehabilitation. Marcy said, "I knew Jeff had a long way to go, but we were not ready to give up." Desperate for help and willing to move anywhere, Marcy found Austin Speech Labs through a late-night internet search. She was amazed to find a place where Jeff could get the services he needed for as long as possible at a cost their family could afford. Austin Speech Labs was created from the innovative understanding that stroke survivors can improve no matter what stage of recovery, even years after a stroke. "We provide affordable intensive, speech language, music and cognitive therapy to stroke survivors as long as they need it," Shelley Adair, the co-founder of Austin Speech Labs and an Allandale resident explained.

For over two years now, Jeff has attended Austin Speech Labs Boot Camp sessions five days a week for up to six hours a day. Today, Jeff has an active life once again. He attends church, exercises daily, volunteers in the community, and is gaining his ability to communicate again.

Austin Speech Labs is multi-faceted organization. It is a research center, caregiver resource, a student training facility, and a refuge for stroke survivors. In addition, it also strives to promote stroke awareness and prevention in our community. "Stroke is the third leading cause of disability in the U.S. and it can be devastating to a survivor and their family. Surprisingly, stroke in the younger adult population is increasing," Shelley said, and emphasized that "It is important to spread awareness and educate the community of the risk factors of stroke including smoking, high blood pressure, diabetes and family history."

Austin Speech Labs' next community outreach event is the World Stroke Day Health Fair on Monday, October 29, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at 7800 Shoal Creek Boulevard. The health fair will provide a variety of free health screenings, guest



speakers providing the latest information on stroke and community health, healthy-living and rehabilitation vendors, live music, food and gift card door-prizes from local restaurants. Come out to support Austin Speech Labs and enjoy an informative and fun evening. And next time you see Jeff, wave hello and remember that Austin is doing amazing things for those that need it, right here in our neighborhood.

To learn more about Austin Speech Labs visit www.austinspeechlabs.org or call 512-992-0575. ⌘

Help Revive a Neighborhood Tradition

Adam Haynes

Even though October means it is time to plan your spooky costumes and get candy supplies stocked for trick-or-treaters, it is also time to start planning for your holiday decorations. Boy Scout Troop 49 is once again making Allandale's famous candy canes! The approximately six-foot high traditional holiday decoration in the shape of a candy cane is a must have for all Allandale yards this winter. Troop 49 uses the proceeds from the fundraiser to support our year-round activities. Be on the lookout for order and delivery information on the Yahoo listserve and around the neighborhood, so you can order your holiday decoration and be the envy of your street. ⌘

Great Happenings at the Yarborough Library!

Katelyn Patterson

Here is a list upcoming events at the Yarborough branch of the Austin Public Library.

Storytimes
Mondays: Books and Babies 2:00 p.m. (ages 0-18 mo.)
First Tuesday of the month: PJ Storytime 6:00 p.m. (ages 5 and under)
Wednesdays: Sensory Storytime 11:15 a.m. (ages 5 and under of all abilities)
Thursdays: Toddler Storytime 10:15 a.m. (ages 18 mo. – 3 years), and Pre-K Storytime 11:00 a.m. (ages 3 – 5 years)

Lego Lab
Tuesday October 23: 2:30 – 4:30. Complete a monthly build challenge or free build (ages 5+)

Kids Create
Friday October 19: 2:30 – 4:30. Come make glow in the dark slime! (ages 7 – 12)

Literature Live
Friday October 26: 10:30 a.m. "Tales from Graves." Not too scary tales for ages 3+!

Bow Wow Reading with Bonnie the Dog
Saturdays 11:30- 12:30. Come read stories to Bonnie the dog!

Programs for Adults during the month of October are as follows:

Yoga for Seniors
Fridays, 11:00 a.m. to noon

Read Watch Talk
A monthly movie book club where we read the book and then watch the movie. This month our pick is Mary Shelley's Frankenstein. Wednesday, October 24 at 6:15 p.m.

Board with Books
Come play a game out of our board game collection or bring one of you own! Thursday, October 18, from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

You can find more information and the full calendar at http://library.austintexas.gov/events/calendar. ⌘

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The Allandale Neighborhood Association (ANA) depends on your annual membership & participation to stay a strong local group. Help us represent your interests by getting involved.

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I am willing to serve on the following committees:

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